



**UNANIMOUS STATEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF AMHERST WATER SUPPLY
PROTECTION COMMITTEE REGARDING ARTICLE 24
May 12, 2011**

In our opinion, Town of Amherst employees have a long history of carefully controlling activities and monitoring environmental quality within the water supply areas for the surface water and ground water sources for the Town's drinking water (i.e, the associated watersheds and aquifer protection zones). The Town gathers data, reviews it, and complies with state regulations pertaining to drinking water supply, treatment and distribution. These activities, and our own review of available data, suggest to us that there is no reason for special concerns at this time regarding the quality of the Town of Amherst drinking water supplies. The integrity of the old landfill cap needs to be monitored and maintained for environmental reasons but it is not a threat to Amherst's public water supplies. Specifically, we concur with Tighe and Bond and MA DEP that available data do not suggest any significant threat to the Town water supply wells in South Amherst related to the old Amherst landfill.

We endorse the Town and DEP's continued monitoring of areas down gradient of the old Amherst landfill.

Amherst Water Supply Protection Committee

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